

House Resolution No. 4360

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals who have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Officer Cynthia Utterback, of Perry, Missouri, an employee at State of Missouri Department of Corrections Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center in Vandalia, Missouri, who heroically saved the life of another human being; and

Whereas, late in May of this year, Officer Utterback and another officer observed an offender apparently choking; and

Whereas, after several attempts to dislodge the object that was obstructing the offender's breathing, even after the offender lost consciousness, Officer Utterback applied back blows and abdominal thrusts until the offender was able to breathe again; and

Whereas, Officer Utterback's efforts gained the precious time needed for medical staff to arrive and treat the offender and probably saved the offender's life; and

Whereas, Officer Utterback is the past recipient of two Caught-in-the-Act awards and is a member of the Missouri Correctional Officers Association; and

Whereas, Officer Utterback is the beloved wife of Rodney Utterback, and they are the devoted parents of three children, Ashley, Zachary, and Shelby:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations and gratitude to Officer Utterback in light of her exemplary service; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Officer Cynthia Utterback.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel L. Bringer
District No. 6

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4360, adopted October 14, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker